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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Further to the Notification of Missing Requirements of November 30, 2001, Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment to the claims in the corrected English translation of the foreign application submitted concurrently herewith. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the claims of the corrected English translation as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The antimicrobial organic polymer material of Claim 1 wherein the unit derived from an N-alkyl-N-vinylalkylamide is derived from one or more polymerizable monomers selected from N-vinylpyrrolidone, 1-vinyl-2-piperidone, N-vinyl-N-